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Identical letters dated 19 April 2010 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I write this letter of complaint regarding an incident along the Israeli-Lebanese border. On Friday, 16 April 2010, a group of about 20 Lebanese citizens, led by Lebanese Member of Parliament Qassem Hashem, engaged in provocative activities near the area of Aabasiya adjacent to Rajar. According to UNIFIL, the group "crossed the Blue Line and ... removed sign posts of a minefield as well as concertina wire which was laid by the Israeli Defense Forces three days ago, and placed two Lebanese flags next to the Israeli technical fence." Furthermore, it merits the attention that Mr. Hashem, whose political affiliation is well known, has been involved in similar incidents in the past, for example on 17 July 2009 when he led 15 Lebanese civilians across the Blue Line near a UNIFIL position adjacent to the Shuba village. On this matter, I issued a formal letter of complaint to you on 20 July 2009.

Given that the most recent violation by Mr. Hashem and his followers took place while UNIFIL and Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) were in the area of Aabasiya, the Government of Israel expects UNIFIL and the LAF to prevent such provocative action through necessary measures.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter of complaint distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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